

Milford Recreation Commission
May 14th, 2014

Attendees:

Walter Smith	Claudia Lemaire	Stephanie Zubricki	Mark Fougere
Scott Hembrow	Tim Finan	Heather Romeri	

Gretchen Dunn - Director of Keyes Pool updates the commission on the status of The Town of Milford hosting the GSSA State swim meet. GSSA has requested an itemized list of the costs associated with the swim meet. Milford does not want to itemize the costs associated with the meet in order to get reimbursement. The reason for this is because a fixed cost was previously agreed upon. Tonight the commission needs to decide whether or not to run the meet and if we will work with GSSA on itemizing the costs.

Last year we decided on a per head charge of \$15 for each swimmer that was registered. GSSA refused to pay the cost of the meet after the fact, because the bill was not itemized. We had to involve attorney Drescher to collect the fees, costing the town \$750. GSSA has agreed to pay for part of the attorney fees associated with this misunderstanding. After some discussion we have agreed to itemize the bill but we will insist on collecting the pool fee from the swimmers directly.

Manchester has also offered to host the meet for GSSA. The pool length is 50 yards which can be difficult for new and primarily new summer swimmers. They have put a bid out to host the meet for \$17.19 per person.

In conclusion the commission agrees to itemize the costs of the meet and collect the swimmers fees from the meet in order to move forward with GSSA on hosting the event. We will have an answer from GSSA soon.

Jerry Guthrie- (Landscape architect) He presents his drawing for the pergola/patio that is currently being built at Keyes Field. Although much of the structural work is already complete, Jerry would like to begin the first week in June, the weekend of the 6/7th, to begin and complete most of the brick work. The tables and footing for the tables need to be chosen before the brick work can begin. The Milford Police will patrol the park during this weekend to ensure vandalism does not occur to the work in progress. Heather, Joan, Liz, Rick , and Jerry will meet to discuss the plans and layout to ensure a smooth project. The commission has also agreed upon the tables that will be used for the project.

Harold Webster- American Legion has come before the commission to request the same rate as last year for field fees associated with their softball league. Last year's rate was an 80 percent fee waiver for the league. **Tim makes a motion to waive 80 percent of the field fees, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.**

127 Elm Street- Purchase price \$190,000. The commission and the town will be making attempts to fundraise to purchase this much needed property that is adjacent to Keyes Field. Next Wednesday, Walter will be meeting with Milford Rotary at the Community House at 1:00PM in hopes of getting a donation. Trustee of the Trusts meeting will be on the 29th and we will send a representative to the meeting as well. Joan, Heather, Claudia, and Walter have come up with letters to larger business around the area for donations. We will be meeting each Wednesday throughout the month to brainstorm fundraising ideas. **Heather makes a motion for the town to set up a special purpose fund for Keyes Park improvements, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.**

Scott makes a motion to donate 10 percent of the cost of 190,000, which would be \$19,000 towards the purchase of 127 Elm Street out of the revolving fund, Tim seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Director's Report:

Summer Recreation guide is available

Summer Challenger Camp- Soccer camp run by British soccer players. This has been a long running activity and it has done very well.

Senior Trips- Robert Frost's Farm and Cirque De Sole

Co-ed softball will begin shortly.

Concession stand deposit will be returned to the School Dept.

Heather makes a motion to return the deposit, Scott seconds, all in favor.

Scholarships information is reviewed and adjusted for summer programs.

Walter makes a motion to set up to \$3000 for scholarships, Scott seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Shepard Park portable toilet will be moved because it is now chained to a tree that was planted in memory of a resident. The portable toilet will be moved in the next few days.

Scott makes a motion to adjourn, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Rsa 91-A:3- nonpublic session. **Scott makes motion to go into on-public session, Tim seconds and a unanimous vote was made.** The commission and town administrator Guy Scaife discussed a personnel issue. No votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Claudia Lemaire (Recreation Commission Secretary)